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AmendmentAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 26, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 10, with the following paragraph:

a1 It would therefore be desirable to provide a stent that overcomes these limitations, and which is suitable, in one embodiment, for use in treating neuroaneurysms.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 12, with the following paragraph:

a2 Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the stent taken through line 3-3 in Fig. 1 that intersects an outer surface region of the stent;

Replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 17, with the following paragraph:

a3 By bending-stiffness gradient is meant a difference in bending stiffness, as measured by amount or degree of stent bending away from its long axis per force